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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DISTRICT 44
HICKAM AFB, HAWAII 96553

REPORT BY SA [REDACTED]
STATUS. PENDING
OFFICE OF ORIGIN. DISTRICT 44

31 MAY 1972

TITLE: (U) HICKAM AFB, HI, APR 72: UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE TO PRESS
OF CLASSIFIED INFO CONCERNING MISSION ACTIVITIES OF 619TH
MILITARY AIRLIFT SUPPORT SQUADRON AND 548TH RECONNAISSANCE
TECHNICAL GROUP

SYNOPSIS: (U) (GP 1) SGT [REDACTED], 548TH RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL
GROUP (548TH RTG), HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE LEAK
OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM 548TH RTG. [REDACTED] WAS AGAINST
WAR IN VIETNAM BUT STATED HE DID NOT SUPPORT LIBERATED BARRACKS
(LB) OR ANY ANTIWAR GROUPS OR PERSONS. SGT [REDACTED] 548TH RTG, HAD
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE SECURITY LEAK
BUT STATED SECURITY PROCEDURES IN 548TH RTG HAD IMPROVED.
[REDACTED] FELT MORALE AMONG FIRST TERM AIRMEN IN 548TH WAS LOW
BECAUSE OF FREQUENT CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITIES LEVIED
BY "UPPER ECHELON." PHONE NUMBER IN WASH, D.C., [REDACTED] TO
WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY LB ON 10 APR 72, WAS LISTED UNDER FRED

~~SPECIAL HANDLING REQUIRED WITHIN USAF (AFR 124-4)~~

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COMDR, 548TH RTG (ACTION-W/ATCH)
CINCPACAF, HAFB, HI (INFO-W/ATCH) NOT RECORDED
CINCPACAF (JA) (INFO-W/ATCH) 145 JUN 21 1972
CINCPACAF (IN) (INFO-W/ATCH)
CINCPACAF (IG) (INFO-W/ATCH)
COMDR, HAFB, HI (INFO-W/ATCH)
FBI, HONOLULU, HI (INFO-W/ATCH)
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FILE (W/ATCH)

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[REDACTED] COLONEL, USAF
COMMANDER

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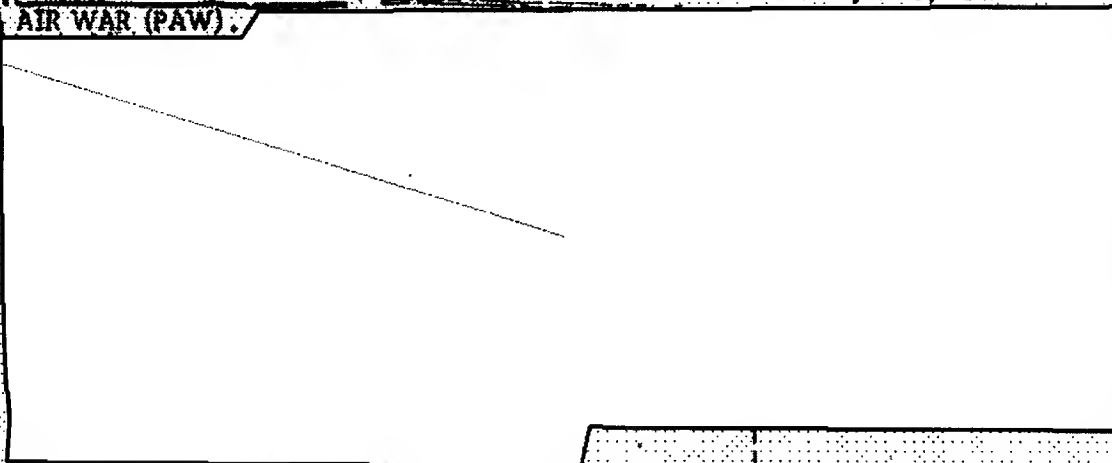
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BRANFMAN ASSOCIATES, INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER, PROJECT
AIR WAR (PAW).

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DETAILS

1. (U) ON 24 MAY 72, MAJOR [REDACTED] STAFF PSYCHIATRIST, U.S. ARMY, TRIPLER GENERAL HOSPITAL (TGH), ADVISED THAT HE SAW NO MEDICAL REASON TO DENY AN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

2. (U) ON 24 MAY 72, [REDACTED] SGT, [REDACTED] 548TH RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL GROUP (548TH RTG), WAS INTERVIEWED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SA [REDACTED] (SEE PARA 26, ROI, 27 APR 72; AND PARAS 31 AND 32, ROI, 23 MAY 72). [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. HIS DUTIES AT THE 548TH RTG FROM SEP 71 TO MAR 72 INCLUDED DRAFTING AIR CHARTS AND MAPS. HE ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE LEAKED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OUTSIDE OF 548TH RTG.

B. HE STATED THAT SECURITY PROCEDURES AT 548TH RTG HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE BUT FELT THAT THE MORALE AMONG FIRST TERM AIRMEN WAS VERY LOW. HE BELIEVED THAT THE INABILITY OF INTERMEDIATE OFFICER AND NCO SUPERVISORS TO COMMUNICATE WITH FIRST TERM AIRMEN WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE LOW MORALE.

C. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF NO ONE WHO WAS A MEMBER OF OR SUSPECTED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIBERATED BARRACKS (LB) OR OTHER ANTIWAR GROUPS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM BUT DID NOT SUPPORT OR ASSOCIATE WITH THE LB OR ANY ANTIWAR GROUPS OR PERSONS. HE FELT THAT PERSONS SUCH AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], FORMER 548TH RTG AIRMEN AND LB SUPPORTERS, WERE IGNORANT OF THE FACTS, MERELY SEEKING RECOGNITION. HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

3. (U) ON 24 MAY 72, SGT [REDACTED] WAS RE-INTERVIEWED (SEE PARAS 7 AND 46, ROI, 21 APR 72; AND PARA 18, ROI, 23 MAY 72). IHM ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

A. HE RELATED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED IN HIS PREVIOUS INTERVIEW. HE FELT THAT SECURITY PROCEDURES WERE LAX IN THE PAST BUT THAT RECENTLY, IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE PROCEDURES HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO THE

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SECURITY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE 548TH RTG. HE BELIEVED THAT IN THE PAST ANYONE COULD HAVE WALKED INTO THE ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS PERSONALLY WITNESSED CERTAIN OFFICERS FREQUENTLY "TALKING AROUND" CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. HE DECLINED HOWEVER TO IDENTIFY THE OFFICERS.

B. HE FELT THAT THE MORALE AMONG FIRST TERM AIRMEN WAS LOW. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE FREQUENT CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS AND PRIORITIES WHICH WERE LEVIED ON THEM FROM THE "UPPER ECHELONS" WHICH RESULTED IN MUCH OVERTIME WORK. ON MANY OCCASIONS HE WORKED ON A PROJECT ASSIGNED TO HIM AND LATER WAS TOLD TO REACCOMPLISH THE ENTIRE PROJECT OR MAJOR PORTIONS OF IT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY THE "UPPER ECHELONS."

4. (S) (GP 1) ON 26 MAY 72, A REVIEW OF HQ AFOSI FILES REFLECTED THAT WASH, D. C. TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS LISTED UNDER FRED BRANFMAN ASSOCIATES, INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER, PROJECT AIR WAR (PAW). A CALL WAS MADE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED PHONE NUMBER BY THE LB ON 10 APR 72 (SEE PARA 10, ROI, 27 APR 72). DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX OF INVESTIGATIONS (DCII) CHECKS CONDUCTED ON BRANFMAN AND PAW WERE NEGATIVE.

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6. (C) (GP 3) ON 30 MAY 72, AFOSI DISTRICT 44 FILES WERE REVIEWED AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXTRACTED:

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A.

B. PROJECT AIR WAR, HEADQUARTERS 1322 18TH STREET, NW, WASH, D.C., A SERVICE-TYPE ORGANIZATION, WAS FORMED BY FREDERICK ROBERT BRANFMAN. THE FUNCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO FURNISH SPEAKERS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC., SHOWING HOW THE AIR WAR IN INDOCHINA IS BEING ESCALATED. BRANFMAN HAS TRAVELED TO THE INDOCHINA AREA. ALTHOUGH PAW CONSIDERS ITSELF AN ORGANIZATION, ITS ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS ARE BRANFMAN (DIRECTOR) AND TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS. PAW HOPES TO BECOME A NATIONAL-TYPE ORGANIZATION WITH OFFICES IN CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AS OF THIS TIME THE ONLY KNOWN PAW OFFICE IS IN WASH, D.C., AND IS BEING SUPPORTED BY NUMEROUS PEACE AND ANTIWAR GROUPS. BRANFMAN RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN 1964 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND HIS MASTERS IN EDUCATION FROM HARVARD IN 1966. (SEE AFOSI DIST 44 IIR 1 651 0015 72, 13 APR 72)

C. THE "HICKAM THREE," (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) WERE APPREHENDED ON 2 MAR 72 ON HICKAM AFB WITH OTHER CATHOLIC ACTION OF HAWAII MEMBERS FOR UNLAWFULLY ENTERING THE HQ PACAF BUILDING.

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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) AND (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) WERE ABLE TO GAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE, HQ PACAF. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) WAS ABLE TO POUR A LIQUID SUBSTANCE WHICH HE LATER IDENTIFIED AS BLOOD INTO TWO SAFE DRAWERS THAT CONTAINED CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. (SEE AFOSI DIST 44 IIR 1 651 0011 72, 9 MAR 72.)

D. SINCE EARLY 1972, THE LOCAL DISSIDENT ELEMENTS, PARTLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CA OF HAWAII, HAVE MOUNTED A SUSTAINED AGITATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE USAF AND SPECIFICALLY HICKAM AFB'S ALLEGED ROLE IN SUPPORT OF USAF OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE CA HAS ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF ANTI-MILITARY ACTIVITIES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FALL OF 1970. IT HAS CONSISTENTLY STRESSED THE MORAL AND ETHICAL OBJECTIONS TO U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. MUCH OF ITS ENERGY HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD SUPPORTING ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICEMEN WHO HAVE EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS. THE CA'S MAJOR ACTIVITY TO DATE HAS BEEN ITS HIGHLY PUBLICIZED LENTEN CAMPAIGN OF 1972 DURING WHICH THE CA CONDUCTED SOME FORM OF PROTEST ACTIVITY AT HICKAM AFB MAIN GATE VIRTUALLY EVERY NORMAL DUTY DAY DURING THE FORTY-DAY PERIOD. ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING THIS PERIOD CA SUPPORTERS, I.E., THE "HICKAM THREE," INFILTRATED BUILDINGS ON HICKAM AFB TO ENGAGE ANTIWAR PROTESTS. WHILE NO EXACT MEMBERSHIP FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY INDIVIDUALS HAVE PUBLICLY LINKED THEMSELVES WITH CA. AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUGGESTS, WHILE NO FORMAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, THAT (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) AND (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) EXERCISE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OVER CA OPERATIONS.

ATTACHMENT

ARTICLE, "NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON AIRCRAFT CARRIERS," BY P. BRANFMAN

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